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Burn Ban continues for Travis County

The Travis County Commissioners Court took no action regarding the ban on outdoor burning in the unincorporated areas of the County, which continues the burn ban.

"The County remains dry despite recent light precipitation," said Travis County Fire Marshal Hershel Lee. "We are expecting high winds and low relative humidity tomorrow, which will add to the fire danger. Please be careful to not start a fire."

The burn ban is scheduled to expire on February 19, unless action is taken by the County Judge, Commissioners Court or Fire Marshal. Next Tuesday, February 11, commissioners are scheduled to again consider and take appropriate action on outdoor burning in the unincorporated areas of the County.

This ban on outdoor burning does not affect a prescribed burn under the supervision of a prescription burn manager. It also does not affect outdoor hot work when done under the guidelines established by the Travis County Fire Marshal's Office. Prescription burn managers and those in need of outdoor hot work permits must contact the Travis County Fire Marshal's Office or the fire department in whose jurisdiction the work will be done.

Barbecuing in Travis County Parks and Parks managed by the County is allowed as long as the fire is within a closeable container or a container with a lid. You should also have water nearby in case the fire spreads. Call 911 immediately if a fire gets out of control.

If you have questions about the burn ban, please call the Fire Marshal's Office at 512-854-4621, or contact your local fire department.

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